EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of war-ships of other countries with nuclear weapons on board which visited Indian Ports till March, 1989 and under what circumstances they were allowed ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allow only certified foreign war-ships without nuclear weapons on board to visit India ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) 51 foreign naval ships visited Indian ports from 1 January, 1988 to 31 March, 1989. Government are not aware of any foreign naval ships with nuclear weapons on board having visited any Indian port during this period.

(b) and (c) Government of India's policy of not permitting calls by foreign naval ships carrying nuclear weapons is well known and has been reiterated on many occasions.

Installation of Long Distance Public Telephones in every village in the Country

1547. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to install long distance public telephones in every Panchayat village in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the number of such telephones and the amount earmarked for Madras circle during the current and the next financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) 1,87,393 Panchayat Villages are proposed to be provided with telephone facilities during the 8th Five Year Plan and the remaining villages in the 9th Plan.

(c) 600 Nos. pf public telephones are planned to be opened in Tamilnadu Circle during the current financial year. Funds for this purpose are generally met from the lumpsum grant placed at the disposal of the Circle for the current year. Fixation of physical target and allotment of funds is done in the beginning of each year depending upon the availability of equipment.

Expenditure on Tamil Refugees in Orissa

1548. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate expenditure being incurred per day by the State Government of Orissa on the rehabilitation of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees at Malkangiri Camp in Koraput District, Orissa; and

(b) the Central assistance being extended to Orissa on that account per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) The entire expenditure being incurred on the relief camps for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees at Malkangiri in Koraput District, Orissa is being borne by the Government of India. The approximate expenditure being incurred per day on providing relief facilities amounts to Rs. 27,000/-.

(b) So far, Rs. 20 lakhs has been given to the Government of

Orissa as grants-in-aid to meet the expenditure on the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees as per the norms fixed for relief by Government of India.

Posting of Telecom Officials in Kashmir

1549. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of telecommunications officials posted in Kashmir, who had become marked men there and had been stationed in Delhi have been coerced to go back to Kashmir ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for their safety; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, 190 Telecom. officials who had migrated out of Kashmir Valley and were camping in Delhi were temporarily accommodated in other places in the country as requested by them. The Telecom. Department had no information if any of them were marked persons.

As per the latest decision of the Government all such officials are required to report back to their posts in Kashmir Valley and orders accordingly have been issued by the Department on 7-5-1990.

The orders have been issued purely as an administrative measure. There is no element of coercion in it.

(c) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken for the safety of Telecom. staff working in Kashmir Valley :

—All major Telecom. installations are being guarded.

—Arrangements have been made for the Telecom. staff who wanted to be lodged in secure places.

—Transport with guard is being provided for reaching the place of work wherever necessary.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (c) above.

Banning of Anand Marg

1550. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ban Anand Marg ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of passenger amenities centres on national highways

1551. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of sites which have been earmarked for setting up of 'passenger amenities' on National Highways in the country State-wise/Union Territory-wise;